

Youth shot dead by unidentified men near Kandiaro Toll Plaza

By Our Correspondent

SUKKUR: Unidentified armed men opened fire on a car, leaving a young man dead and wounding the driver near Kandiaro Toll Plaza. When Rashid was taking his ailing father Ghulam Rasool for medical treatment at Gambat, the unidentified armed assailants intercepted them and shot indiscriminate fire, killing the young man on the spot. According to the bereaved father, Ghulam Rasool, between 1am and 2am, two armed men intercepted their vehicle near the Kandiaro Toll Plaza, opened fire, killed his son. The driver of the vehicle also sustained injuries during the attack, he said, adding that the attackers fled the scene with ease under the cover of darkness. The father regretted that after a significant period of time, the SSP and police arrived at the crime scene. Police claimed to have recovered empty bullet casings from the site. Preliminary findings suggested that the incident was a robbery attempt, police said. Officials said they had launched an investigation, with efforts underway to arrest the fleeing assailants.

Girl converted to Islam sent to Darul Aman

By Our Correspondent

SUKKUR: Police produced a Hindu girl, who converted to Islam and contracted free-will marriage, before a court on Wednesday in Jacobabad. The judge recorded statements of the girl and her parents and ordered that the girl be sent to Darul Aman (a women's shelter) for a few days. Outside the court, she told reporters: "No one kidnapped me. I left home of my own free will, converted to Islam and married Naseebullah Pathan by choice. My Islamic name is Fatima and I want to go with my husband." Meanwhile, Lal Chand Seetlani (president of the Hindu General Panchayat) alleged that Naseebullah had enticed and kidnapped the girl. Advocate Syed Ghulam Hussain Shah (representing the Hindu family), argued that the girl was a minor. Based on their petition, the court has ordered her to be sent to the Darul Aman in Larkana until her age is verified through a proper medical examination. Heer Rani, daughter of Harichand, left home a few days ago, converted to Islam and contracted an alleged "love marriage" with a young man from Karachi named Naseebullah Pathan.

'Sindh giving financial help to farmers'

HYDERABAD: The focal person of the Sindh Agriculture Extension Department, Hyderabad, has said the Sindh government is providing financial assistance to farmers through the Benazir Hari Card scheme. According to an official handout, under the Wheat Financial Assistance Programme 2025, farmers owning one to 25 acres of land have been provided financial support in two phases. In the first phase, funds were released through Sindh Bank on a per-acre basis for the purchase of DAP fertiliser. In the second phase, after verification of DAP fertiliser usage, two bags of urea fertilizer per acre are being provided at a subsidised rate of Rs8,000.—APP

Hyderabad set to lose another famous landmark — house of Qamaruzzaman

Since 1971, it remained a centre for all kind of political and social religious activities

By Mohammad Hussain Khan

HYDERABAD: The city of Hyderabad has lost another famous identity, an over 50-year-old iconic house commonly known as Qamaruz Zaman Shah *ka ghar*. He was a PPP stalwart since the era of Z.A. Bhutto. His family has sold it to some commercial concern. There was hardly anyone born in the mid-70s onwards who didn't know this landmark. Because of its prime location in Unit-2 Latifabad, the house has served as an identity for those visiting from other cities. Located at a roundabout, commonly known as "Qamar Zaman Shah chowk", that connects City taluka with Latifabd taluka from Cantonment graveyard, it has been a famous reference for inhabitants of Hyderabad and other visitors. It would no longer be there in the days to come after the house witnessed the fourth generation of Shah growing up there. "The house's construction began in late 60s and I remember our family shifted there during the 71's war [with India]," said Dr Syed Nadeem Qamar, younger son of late Syed Qamaruzzaman Shah. Sitting MNA of the PPP Syed Naveed Qamar is the eldest son of late Zaman. "Actually, everyone has shifted to Karachi. Nobody lives here now," said Nadeem, a former chief of the National Institute of Cardiovascular Diseases (NICVD). His younger brother and sitting Sindh High Court judge, Miran Mohammad Shah, was the last one shifted from here to Karachi in 2008. Zaman's house has been the centre of all kind of political, social and religious activities. Mehfil-i-Naat attended by all and sundry even without invitation was a regular feature here as Mr Shah hardly missed it in his life. Qamar Zaman has been an active part of Z. A. Bhutto's Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) to represent the party in the Senate and in Sindh Assembly in 70s. "Bhutto *saheb* visited this house thrice," said Dr Nadeem. He added that the house was indeed a landmark for the people of the city. A row of trees locally known as bottle palm was there on two sides of its lawn. It was a two-side corner house enlisted as 233-C Unit-2 Latifabad in record of rights, stretching over 1,500 sq. yds. A commercial venture would, however, be



A VIEW of the Syed Qamaruzzaman Shah House in Latifabad Unit No.2.—By Umair Ali

seen here as another high rise has already been raised on the other side of this very road of Latifabad. According to another family member, "area has fast witnessed commercialisation and it was no longer an area that it once used to be. Secondly, everyone among us shifted to Karachi. "Our fourth generation has seen this house," he said, alluding to children of Qasim Naveed, the paternal grandson of late Qamar Zaman. Late Zaman had headed the Sindh Chamber of Agriculture (SCA), a vibrant farmers' body which later his sons Dr Nadeem Qamar and Miran Mohammad Shah also headed. "Painting by Moharram Raz drawn on a canvas, depicting a peasant and his wife in the drawing room needs to be preserved or kept in museum," said Dr Nadeem. "Raz used to present different designs before quite enthusiastically," said Nadeem, a cardiologist by profession. "Raz was the son of baba's hairdresser and was a born painter. After working in the house, he became a celebrity himself and went on to work in many houses in Hyderabad including that of late Yousuf Kausar Bhatti, a Bhutto loyalist. New Majestic Cinema (now gone) was packed with his workmanship," said

Miran Mohammad Shah. Qamar's family led by Miran Mohammad Shah, his father-in-law, used to live in the Cantonment area where once famous Venus Cinema existed. The cinema was built after the plot was sold to Venus Cinema owner Chaudhry Latif. The family then shifted to Unit-2 house. His family was then shifted to Unit-2 house. Besides Z.A.Bhutto, Benazir Bhutto also paid multiple visits and even stayed there. Bilawal Bhutto Zardari had also visited this residence. Celebrated writer Noorul Huda Shah also can't help reminiscing about her memories of her relative's house. Her father was the first cousin of late Qamar Zaman and his wife. "Shah saheb had built this house with entirely new architecture that was not common in that era. This perhaps set the tone for raising a house with a new architecture," she said, alluding to a particular kind of construction pattern on the outer wall which people always tried to decipher, out of curiosity, as something written in Sindhli language. Ms Huda recalled how Qamar Zaman stood with her when she shot to fame due to her play *Jungle* televised by PTV in 1983, questioning feudalism in Sindh.

"Jungle led to a controversy and I remember Shah *saheb* offering me full support when I faced this difficult phase," she remarked. "Shah's family has been respected by Urdu speaking families settled here after partition and I didn't hear of any adverse event even during the turbulent period this city had gone through in 80s and 90s. It was a bond between the family and Hyderabad's people and that's why we never saw a single gunman in or outside the house. Only a watchman used to be there," she noted. "A large earthen jar was kept with the outer wall outside. Pedestrians and rickshaw wallas used to have drinking water there," she said. The bungalow, she said, had embossed painting on the wall in the lawn, showing process of crop's cultivation and harvesting. Qamar Zaman died in 2016 at the age of 83. Naveed Qamar is the MNA from Tando Mohammad Khan, one of Hyderabad's eight talukas until 2004. Miran M. Shah remained a UC Nazim in the Musharraf era from there in 2001. Naveed Qasim is now the chairman of T.M, Khan district council. The family owns agricultural lands in T. M. Khan district and prefers living there besides Karachi.

Centre assures Sindh govt on rolling out crop insurance for farmers

Commerce Minister Jam Kamal, CM Murad also decide to make commercial buildings' insurance mandatory

By Our Staff Reporter

KARACHI: The federal government has assured the Sindh government that necessary measures are being taken to introduce crop insurance in order to provide financial protection to farmers against crop failures and losses. During a meeting with Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah at the CM House on Wednesday, Federal Commerce Minister Jam Kamal Khan said that previously, the concept of crop insurance did not exist in Pakistan. "Necessary measures are now being taken to introduce crop insurance," he added. According to a press statement issued by the CM House, the

chief minister stressed that crop financing and insurance were critically important, noting that without proper financing, farmers could not achieve better productivity. "The Sindh government is actively working to promote agro-based industries across the province," he said. The meeting, held to discuss the development of important sectors, including agriculture, livestock, insurance and Marble City projects, was attended among others by Sindh Industries Minister Jam Ikramullah Dharejo, CM Special Assistant on Investment Qasim Naveed and Finance Secretary Fayaz Jatoi. The federal government delegation included Trade Development Authority Chief Executive Faiz Ahmed, State

Life Insurance Chief Executive Officer Shoaib Javed and National Insurance Company Limited CEO Farman Zarqoon. Special Assistant Qasim Naveed informed the meeting that the provincial government was transforming the Landhi and Gadap cattle colonies into disease-free zones. It was decided to further accelerate measures to protect livestock from diseases. The chief minister said that work on making cattle colonies disease-free was already underway and assured that complete eradication of Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) would be ensured.

Commercial buildings' insurance

The meeting also decided to make insurance mandatory for commercial buildings like Gul Plaza, with regular inspections to prevent major accidents.

The participants expressed deep sorrow and grief over the Gul Plaza tragedy in Karachi. The chief minister emphasised that large commercial buildings like Gul Plaza must be insured. The federal minister said that insured buildings would also undergo regular inspections, which could help prevent major accidents. The meeting decided to initiate concrete steps for insurance of large plazas and agreed in principle on proposing legislation for insurance of commercial and residential buildings. The chief minister prioritised Marble City project as part of a broader economic development agenda. He discussed incentives for ongoing initiatives and announced a new Marble City in Sukkur, further expanding the province's industrial footprint. The special assistant to the CM stressed the need for Export Development Fund (EDF) sup-

port for Marble City Karachi, a dedicated industrial zone aimed at modernising Pakistan's marble, materials, and minerals sector. Despite Pakistan's rich marble reserves, exports remain limited due to outdated machinery, lack of common facilities, weak compliance with international standards and limited access to global markets. Marble City Karachi aims to address these issues by providing planned infrastructure, shared facilities, and an investor-friendly environment. The project focuses on value addition, modern processing standards, export orientation, and formalising the marble industry, objectives that align with the EDF's mandate to promote exports through improved infrastructure, technology, skills, and market development. The federal minister assured the CM that they would work together on this.

Cops held in Jacobabad rape case handed over to FIA

By Our Correspondent

SUKKUR: A judicial magistrate ordered police to hand over eight policemen held for their alleged involvement in a custo-

dial rape case to the Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) Larkana. The police produced the eight arrested policemen including two former SHOs of the RD-52 police station before the judicial magistrate (Thul) for

remand. However, the court ordered that all the arrested suspects be handed over to the FIA. Following the order, the investigating officer (IO) of the case shifted the suspects to the FIA

Larkana. DSP Ghulam Mustafa Abro, the IO, told journalists the FIA will seek the fresh remand of the suspects on Thursday (today). The victim had recorded her statement before

District and Sessions Judge Sharafuddin Shah and said that she was gang-raped in the police station for many days while she, along with her sister and grandmother, had been kept in detention. According to the FIR, the area SHO and his team were conducting a probe into a murder case against one of their male family members. However, they took the victim, her sister and grandmother to the police station where she was raped every day.

IN THE COURT OF GAS UTILITY COURT KARACHI

Before: Mr. Mehboob Ali Dayo (Judge)

Civil Suit No. 36/2025

M/S SUI SOUTHERN GAS COMPANY

Through its attorney / authorized Officer..... Plaintiff

VERSUS

1. Abdul Khaliq S/o Haji Hanif

2. Naeem Shahzad S/o Sirajuddin

3. Muhammad Arif S/o Not Known

All Muslim Adults,

Carrying their business with the name and style of Cattle Farm situated at house No. 222/2, Road No. 5, Cattle Colony Landhi Karachi..... Defendants

SUIT UNDER SECTION 6 OF GAS (THEFT CONTROL & RECOVERY) ACT 2016 FOR RECOVERY OF RS. 209,800/-

To,

The above Mentioned Defendant

Whereas above named plaintiff has filed a suit for recovery under section 6 of the (Gas Theft Control & Recovery) Act 2016. You are hereby summoned to appear before this court on 27-03-2026 at 08:30 am in person or by pleader duly instructed to answer all material questions relating to the above said suit to answer the claim and you are also directed to produce on that all the documents upon which you intend to reply in support of your defense and file your application for leave to defend. Take notice that in default of your appearance on the above mentioned day the suit will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of the court this 05 day of January, 2026.

READER GAS UTILITY COURT

BY ORDER

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For and on behalf of Causis Mass Transit Pak (Private) Limited

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Ghazala Arif / Amena Arif / Ayesha & Usman Arif / Zehra & Raman Arif

COURT NOTICE

BEFORE MR. MIR HASSAN KALBORO, ADDITIONAL DISTRICT JUDGE, II DADU (Civil Revision Application No: 41 of 2025) WAPDA Executive Engineer Operation Division Dadu (Now SEPCO) & another. Applicants, VERSUIS, 1.Mst Safia Begum Arain D/o Khushi Muhammad Arain, 2.Mukhtar Ahmed S/o Fazaluddin Arain, 3.Mst. Jannat Bibi D/o Fazaluddin Arain, 4.Mst. Khursheda Bibi D/o Fazaluddin Arain, Residents of Garibabad Muhalla Dadu Taluka & District Dadu. Respondents, The above named Respondents. Take notice that the above named applicants have filed Civil Revision Application under section 115 C.P.C. against order dated 03.10.2025 passed by the Court of learned Civil Judge-I, Dadu in Civil Suit No.31/1986 and Execution Application No.04/2007 : (Re-Khushi Muhammad versus Chairman WAPDA & others), which is admitted and fixed for hearing before this Court on 30.01.2026 at 8:30 a.m. And whereas, this Court has issued notices against you through ordinary modes of service which have not been served upon you, hence through this notice, you are, hereby required to appear before this court on the above date of hearing in person or through an advocate and file your objections, if any. In case of failure the above civil revision will be heard and decided in accordance with law. Given under my hand and seal of this Court This 20th day of January, 2026.

By Order (Khalid Hussain Khushik) Reader Additional District Court-II, Dadu

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With profound sorrow we inform of the passing away of our beloved mother,

Sher Bano Esbhani

peacefully on 20th January.

Namaz e Janaza will be offered today Thursday 22nd January 2026 after Zuhr prayers (1:15pm) at Masjid Usman Ghani

near McDonald's Sea View DHA Karachi.

For ladies at our residence: 31/1-B, 18th Street, Khayaban -e-Tanzeem, Phase V DHA, Karachi.

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